

Please choose one of the following prompts and write an essay which fully answers the questions. Use citations from the the text to strengthen your arguments. Use MLA formatting, see the wiki link owl@purdue.

Your paper will be assessed on the following 6+1 traits - ideas, sentence fluency, word choice and conventions. Please review you 6+1 sheet to see the criteria.

First Draft Due - Mon. Dec. 12

Second Draft Due - Tues. Dec. 13

Final Draft Due - Thurs. Dec. 15

1. In *The Chocolate War* there are characters that thrive on hurting other people. Archie and Brother Leon mete out psychological torture, while Carter and Janza inflict physical injury. What is the difference in the effects of physical versus psychological violence? You should give examples from the text, cite incidents from your own experience, or discuss a suitable situation to illustrate your point.
2. Throughout the novel many characters are given the choice of standing up for what they believe in or following the crowd. Even though they occasionally have noble ambitions, they end up meekly following the crowd. Cite example of the behavior from at least four characters in the novel and analysis the motivations for their behavior.
3. At one point Brian Cochran thinks to himself: "Was Leon right, after all? That the school was more important than any one kid? Weren't individuals important, too?" Consider the question carefully. When might it be necessary to make society's goals of the highest importance? At what point do the needs of the individual become more important than those than those of the society? Give examples from the text that illustrate this point.